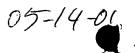
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REQUEST FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) **TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/625,886	
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Group Art Unit	3721	
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R.	§ 1.114 of the above-identified application.		
NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified appl wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examina	lication was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may (d) (PTOISBI29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for		
Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 12 established RCE practice.	33 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which		
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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114	MAY 1 6 2001		
a. Previously submitted i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on			
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ii Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)			
iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)			
iv. U Other			
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a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)			
b. Other	issa o monars, i so unasi ov six iva g vivity requires y		
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when	the RCE is filed.		
a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to			
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §			
I hereby certify that this correspondence and the documents referred to as enclosed are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on date below in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addresse" Mail Label Number Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.			
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